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From: Vranka, Joe
Sent: Thur 10/8/2015 9:13:48 PM
Subject: RE: Briefing for interview with Mountain Standard on Butte site
[ButteMontanaStandardRA InterviewPreparation20151008 DraftRedline.docx](#)
[ButteMontanaStandardRA InterviewPreparation20151008 CleanDraft.docx](#)

Hi, Martin, Sandy, and Rich:

Attached are a clean draft and redline versions of a briefing for Shaun for the interview with the Montana Standard newspaper. I included the redline because Robert (our new CIC) had some good suggestions in the comments that might help you decide whether we need to pull together additional information or restructure some of the material before we send it to Shaun. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the briefing and proposed talking points.

Thank you,

Joe

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 2:01 PM
To: Varcoe, Betsy <Varcoe.Betsy@epa.gov>
Cc: Hestmark, Martin <Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov>; Greene, Nikia <Greene.Nikia@epa.gov>; Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>; McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>; Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Briefing for interview with Mountain Standard on Butte site

These were in her original email listed as topics she wants to cover. I will ask her for more specific questions.

- Region 8's view of work done in Butte and yet to be done;
- EPA's decision of long standing to leave significant amounts of mining waste in place in Butte;
- EPA's role in continuing consent decree negotiations at the Butte site. While we understand the negotiations themselves are currently confidential by court order, we would like to ask some general questions about the agency's philosophy which we do not believe would violate any confidentiality limitations.
- The current moratorium on remediation work after the Gold King tailings spill and how it might affect Butte;
- The evolving scientific research into Butte contamination and how that research might affect Butte's overall stance regarding site cleanup;
- Significant differences in "action levels" on contaminants of concern in Butte and Anaconda versus other locations;
- And the EPA's view of issues yet to be resolved in the Butte superfund site, including storm water management.

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From: Varcoe, Betsy

Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:57 PM

To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Cc: Hestmark, Martin; Greene, Nikia; Vranka, Joe; McGrath, Shaun

Subject: FW: Briefing for interview with Mountain Standard on Butte site

Lisa, do you have any information about specific questions?

From: Vranka, Joe

Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:20 PM

To: Hestmark, Martin

Cc: Varcoe, Betsy; Greene, Nikia; McGrath, Shaun

Subject: RE: Briefing for interview with Mountain Standard on Butte site

Hi, Martin:

Yes, we can be ready the week of October 19. I hope to get you the draft briefing papers early next week.

Thank you,

Joe

From: Hestmark, Martin

Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:12 PM

To: McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>

Cc: Varcoe, Betsy <Varcoe.Betsy@epa.gov>; Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>; Greene, Nikia <Greene.Nikia@epa.gov>

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Joe/ Nikia - can you be ready to brief Shaun the week before? Shaun/ Betsy do you have specific questions you are anticipating?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2015, at 8:09 AM, McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

We can reschedule it do it with Joe V Nikia

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2015, at 7:23 AM, Varcoe, Betsy <Varcoe.Betsy@epa.gov> wrote:

See below from Martin.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Hestmark, Martin

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:27 PM

To: Varcoe, Betsy; Shanahan, Mike

Subject: Declined: Briefing for interview with Mountain Standard on Butte site

When: Monday, October 26, 2015 12:30 PM-1:00 PM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada).

Where: Shaun's office

Shaun – I will actually be in Missoula meeting with USFS on Libby and Montanore at that time. Andy Lensink and Suzanne will also be enroute to Helena for the Butte negotiations that week with me. How would you like to proceed?